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<p>1. [redacted] the Polish motorship M/S Odra [redacted] was a small freighter and sailed under the Polish flag. It was designated to haul general cargo. 50X1-HUM</p> <p>2. The ship was constructed in 1953 in Gdynia, Poland. It was a double-deck cargo ship for servicing the Baltic and North Sea basin. The vessel was in excellent condition and the owners and operators of the M/S Odra was the Polish Maritime Shipping Company in Szczecin (Stettin), Poland.</p> <p>3. The ship registered at 282 gross tons. It could haul approximately 670 tons of cargo. The length of the M/S Odra was 59.9 meters and the beam 9.9 meters. The ship had a draft of 3.4 meters, height to shelter deck was 5.8 meters, and height to main deck was 3.45 meters.</p> <p>4. The ship had a Swedish Atlas, six cylinder diesel engine, and had 450 horsepower. The engine was located at the stern of the vessel. The M/S Odra had a speed of 10 knots. It burned one ton of oil per day and the oil tanks held approximately 25 tons of oil. There were no boilers on the ship.</p> <p>5. The M/S Odra had two holds with twin decks. The dimension of number one hatch was 12 meters long and six meters wide. The dimension of number two hatch was 10 meters long and six meters wide. 50X1-HUM</p> <p>6. The M/S Odra did not have radar. It had a radio direction-finder which was made in Eastern Germany. It also had a [redacted] Polish-built fathometer. 50X1-HUM</p> <p>7. The ship was equipped with an electric rudder. [redacted] The vessel also had a [redacted] single screw adapted for navigation in icy waters. The M/S Odra had a natural ventilation system through cowl ventilators. 50X1-HUM</p> <p>8. The ship had long and wide hatches for unloading and loading operations. The hatches were covered with planks. There were five Polish-built winches on the vessel (copied from US winches); four large winches with a load capacity of three tons each, two winches at each hold; and smaller winches at the bow. There were two masts.</p>			
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9. The M/S Odra carried a crew of 17 men. The complement of the ship was as follows:

- a. Captain
- b. First deck officer
- c. Second deck officer
- d. Third deck officer
- e. First mechanic
- f. Second mechanic
- g. Third mechanic
- h. Assistant mechanic
- i. Three able-bodied seamen
- j. Three ordinary seamen
- k. Motorist
- l. Cook
- m. Junior steward

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10. The first deck officer was also a cultural officer on the M/S Odra. He was Roman Michalski, [redacted]

11. [redacted]

12. [redacted]

13. The M/S Odra's regular run was from Szczecin to [redacted] East Germany (Rostock) and Szczecin. From Szczecin [redacted] the cargo was mostly Czech products such as iron and steel sheets, iron and steel girders (some 15 meters long), wire, iron bars, pipes of various dimensions and lengths, automobile wheels, canned fruit, tractors, textile products, window panes and glass mirrors.

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14. [redacted] to Szczecin the M/S Odra carried cellulose, artificial fiber, plywood, paper and herring. [redacted] to East Germany (Rostock) the ship carried butter, cheese, plywood, paper, cellulose, paper bags, ship shafts, turbine parts, wood and mineral for porcelain production.

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15. From East Germany [redacted] the ship carried Zeiss precision products and other products for various industries.

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